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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SAUDI JOURNALIST INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY VANCE

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1. AYAD MADANI IS A REPUTABLE JOURNALIST WITH AN EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH. THE SAUDI GAZETTE IS A SMALL CIRCULATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER BUT HAS CLOSE LINKS WITH THE PROMINENT ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY OKAZ.

2. WHILE WE THINK AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF EQUALLY OR MORE COMPETENT SAUDI JOURNALISTS REPRESENTING NEWSPAPERS OF EQUAL PROMINENCE IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAHD VISIT. THEREFORE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING A SLIGHTLY LONGER INTERVIEW LIMITED EXCLUSIVELY TO THOSE SAUDI JOURNALISTS TRAVELING WITH PRINCE FAHD WHO ARE OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED. IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SAUDI EMBASSY REQUEST FOR MADANI TO INTERVIEW THE SECRETARY BUT WE SHOULD STAND BY FOR SOME RESENTMENT AND JEALOUSY ON THE PART OF OTHER JOURNALISTS.
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